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### NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

#### PART I.

1.  This communication is responsive to the declaration from Ken Newgard filed 2/10/97.  
2.  All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.  
3.  The allowed claims are 1, 3-14, and 20-22.  
4.  The drawings filed on 8/15/94 are acceptable.  
5.  Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [...] been received. [...] not been received. [...] been filed in parent application Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_.  
*KW12* 6.  Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.  
7.  Note the attached Examiner interview Summary Record, PTOL-413.  
8.  Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.  
9.  Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.  
10.  Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

#### PART II.

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a.  Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.  
b.  The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.  
c.  Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.  
d.  Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

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*KW12* Attachments:

Examiner's Amendment  
 Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTOL- 413  
 Reasons for Allowance  
 Notice of References Cited, PTO-892  
 Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152  
 Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948  
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